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For: USE OF PIGMENTED RETINAL EPITHELIAL CELLS FOR CREATION OF AN IMMUNE PRIVILEGE SITE Examiner: M. Wilson

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

MS RCE  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action (Paper No. 40) mailed August 28, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for a three month extension of time is attached, making this response due on or before Monday, March 1, 2004, the first business day after February 28, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is also filed herewith.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.